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Cellular materials are obtained bys saturating a polyvinyl chloride-plasticiser plastisol with an inert gas at atmospheric pressure and heating at atmospheric pressure thus causing the material to foam and gel.

Increased and/or decreased pressure conditions are not necessary and products of uniform structure are obtained. The saturated plastisol may be stored for some time without loss of gas.

Polymers or copolymers of vinyl chloride may be used, e.g. of 95% vinyl chloride and 5% vinyl acetate. The preferred plasticiser is dioctyl phthalate. Pigments and stabilisers, e.g. calcium stearate may also be present. Closed cell products arise from the use of carbon dioxide as inert gas and open cell products from the use of nitrogen oxide.

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